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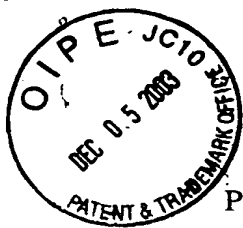
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RECEPTORS FOR
LYSOPHOSPHOLIPIDS
AND SPHINGOLIPIDS AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS
ENCODING THE SAME*

Attorney Docket No: 10602-011-999

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION
TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36 and 10.40(a) and (c), I, Thomas D. Kohler, a Partner at the law offices of Pennie & Edmonds LLP, being vested with full rights and authority to represent all other attorneys of record at Pennie & Edmonds LLP, which includes the following listed attorneys:

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submit my request on behalf of the Partners of Pennie & Edmonds LLP for permission to withdraw as attorneys of record for Edward L. Goetzl and Songzhu An in the above-identified patent application.

This request is made because the Applicant and the attorneys of record have mutually agreed to terminate the representation of the Applicant by the attorneys of record. Therefore, the Applicant knowingly and freely assents to termination of the employment of the attorneys of record.

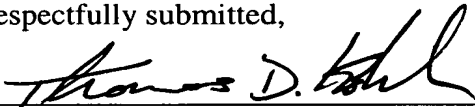
Copies of all papers and property in our files concerning the prosecution of the involved application, to which the client is entitled under 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(a), have been delivered to Applicants Edward L. Goetzl and Songzhu An.

Based on the foregoing, it is requested that permission to withdraw as attorneys of record be granted and that all future correspondence regarding this patent be sent to the following address:

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